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Allison Willman
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RE: Nicor Gas - Yorkville
IDNR Project #1508631
County: Kendall

Dear Ms. Willman:

This letter concerns the consultation for installation of a new natural gas pipeline Kendall County, Township 37 North, Range 7 East, Sections 13, 14, 22, 23, 27 and 28. This project was submitted for consultation in accordance with the *Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act* [520 ILCS 10/11], the *Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act* [525 ILCS 30/17], and Title 17 *Illinois Administrative Code* Part 1075.

The pipeline will be installed using horizontal directional drilling (HDD) and open trench cut. Portions of the route where HDD will be used are in close proximity to protected resources. Yorkville Forested Seep and Fen (located along the river, extending for about one-third mile east from where E. Countryside Parkway intersects with State Route 34) is listed on the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INAI), and provides essential habitat for a state-endangered plant, American Brooklime (*Veronica americana*). The Fox River at this location is also listed on the INAI and provides habitat for the state-endangered Greater Redhorse (*Moxostoma valenciennesi*).

When you directionally drill in the vicinity of these resources, the Department recommends that you not only have a frac-out plan prepared, but also have clean-up equipment and supplies readily available on-site.

Consultation under 17 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1075 is completed. In accordance with 17 Ill. Adm. Code 1075.40(h), please notify the Department of your decision regarding these recommendations.

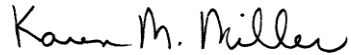
This consultation is valid for two years unless new information becomes available that was not previously considered; the proposed action is modified; or additional species, essential habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the project has not been implemented within two years of the date of this letter, or any of the above listed conditions develop, a new consultation is necessary.

The natural resource review reflects the information existing in the Illinois Natural Heritage Database at the time of the project submittal, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being

considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys required for environmental assessments. If additional protected resources are encountered during the project's implementation, you must comply with the applicable statutes and regulations. Also, note that termination does not imply IDNR's authorization or endorsement of the proposed action.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen M. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K" and "M".

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